

Memories from the April March

So many of us visited Washington, D.C. for the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation ... and each of us came away with thoughts and feelings that may have changed our lives forever.

For my partner Judy Schwartz and me, the decision to go was based almost entirely on economics (frequent flyer tickets, a free place to stay with friends) and a fascination with the new administration that somehow makes our capital city seem more inviting, more our kind of tourist attraction. We planned to stay a full week, and little did we know what an emotional, social, spiritual, and political adventure we were embarking on.

Our visit began with a shabbat service at Washington's sibling congregation, Bet Mishpachah, where we were reunited with service leader (and former CSZ member) Scott Mezistrano and his lover Jeff Kaye. Among the 600 worshipers present, we felt connected to the many gay and lesbian congregations who were represented there. At the same time, we missed the intimacy, humor, music, and distinctive character that we love about

Sha'ar Zahav. Fortunately, we had only to look around the sanctuary to be reminded of our spiritual home by the familiar faces of many fellow CSZ congregants.

The march weekend was extraordinary—so many people, so much joy everywhere. March-sponsored stores off Dupont Circle were open 24 hours a day with long lines to buy buttons ("Straight but not narrow" which I bought for Aunt Libby) and bumper stickers ("Hate is not a family value"). Gays and lesbians were everywhere you looked, like an extended family reunion, surrounded by gay-supporters and civil-rights enthusiasts.

The weather held up under blue skies and bright sunshine, and Sunday's march remains a blur of color and sound that still makes me smile broadly and shake my head in wonder. Where did all those people come from? Judy, I, and several others from Sha'ar Zahav marched proudly behind the CSZ banner as part of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jews, along with other Jewish congregations from around the

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High Holidays Preview

It's barely summertime and yet it's not too soon to start thinking about the High Holidays, which begin this year with the call of the shofar on *erev* Rosh Hashanah, September 15. Once again, most of these services will be held at the Unitarian Center (1187 Franklin at Geary). To ensure that CSZ members and their guests can be comfortably seated in the sanctuary, tickets will be required for *erev* Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre.

Tickets are not automatically sent to members, but must be requested via the "ticket request form" that will be mailed to each member. CSZ members "in good standing" are eligible to receive High Holiday tickets (your 1992-93 dues pledge must be paid in full and at least the first installment of your 1993-94 dues pledge must also be paid).

Each member is entitled to receive one free ticket and also to get a ticket for a guest. We request a donation of \$54 (three times *chai*) per guest for each evening service. Those with special fi-

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Pride Parade

All people who would like to march with Congregation Sha'ar Zahav in this year's Gay Pride parade are urged to attend a meeting on Sunday, June 20, at 1 pm at CSZ. Nathan Robinson will be teaching two Israeli folk dances which will be performed by marchers in the parade. Whether you choose to dance or march, please help us make our contingent the largest ever. For more information, call Barney Ugarte at 386-2472.

Rabbi's Schedule

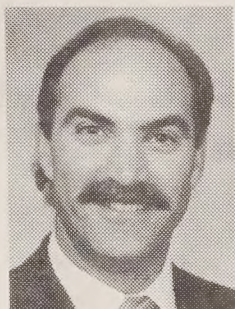
Rabbi Kahn is back from Israel and glad to meet with new and seasoned members. The rabbi obviously has much catching up to do, but appointment times have been set aside each week. Please call the office to set up an appointment. The rabbi's column will return next month.



Marching with Capitol behind us (left to right): Howard Goldberg, Tom Holt, Steve Elman, Carolyn Pines, Judy Schwartz, Simon Glinsky.

A Fond Farewell

It is hard for me to believe that this is my last column as president of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, and it is with mixed emotions that I write it. I had thought that this would be an easy column to write, but I am finding it much more difficult than I had anticipated. Quite probably, I don't want to let go. Nevertheless, it is time, and I want to take this opportunity to try to express my feelings about the last two years and what this experience has meant to me. Rather than specifically focus on our accomplishments as a synagogue and as an organization, which I did in my report to the congregation for our annual meeting, I will offer a personal reflection.



Allan Gold

I just reread my remarks to the congregation when I was installed as president in July 1991. I predicted then that this would be a wonderful experience, and spoke of my eagerness to fulfill the trust that you placed in me. I was hoping to lead the congregation gently through its adolescence, encouraging, stimulating, organizing, involving others. At the end of this two-year period, I can honestly say that not only were my expectations for a wonderful experience met, but this has clearly been for me a high point of my life. In so many ways, my presidency has not only met my own personal needs for growth and challenge at this time in my life, but has provided a focus and a sense of connection and belonging to something well beyond and far more important than my individual self.

From the time I first came to a Sha'ar Zahav service I did feel a special connection with the synagogue, yet it took many years to feel comfortable in a leadership role. I was not sure what I could contribute or even whether I wanted to have the responsibility of leadership. Over the years I developed both commitment and self-confidence, so that eventually I felt able to assume this role. But even more than commitment and skills, I had to understand that there was a fine balance in maintaining a level of commitment without becoming so overinvested that my ego would get in the way. I feel that I

have found that balance over these two years and I have been able to invest my time and energy and love for CSZ without becoming so attached to having my own way in everything.

And, yet, there is a subtle and gradual process that does occur that probably only past presidents know. One does become identified in a very powerful way with the congregation. The atmosphere and tone is strongly influenced by the president; problems to be solved are brought to the president; angry complaints are brought to the president; the president provides the impetus for making sure that growth and change in programming that the board and congregants want actually happens; the president represents the synagogue in public. It is hard not to want to protect, promote, defend, laud. I have felt soaring pride when people comment on how remarkable an organization we are; I have felt personal shame when a member has been hurt by neglect or oversight. I have felt joy at board meetings when difficult issues are discussed and resolved compatibly; I have felt awe at addressing 1,000 worshipers who have joined us at High Holidays; I have felt personal loss when one of our members succumbs to illness, even if I did not know him or her; I have felt a sort of paternal pleasure at welcoming new members, particularly people in their 20s and 30s; I have felt amazement and admiration and hope when meeting and talking with our Kadimah children, knowing that our community is raising a new generation of uniquely accepting insightful and adaptable children. I have felt such a sense of accomplishment when new programs and ideas are put into effect; I am anxious when we seem to be losing money, elated when we find our financial condition improving. I have loved standing in front of the congregation on a Friday evening, sharing an anecdote, playing geography, stretching to make a pushke pitch, trying to find a name for one of our crazy-colored announcement sheets, and hopefully communicating a sense of welcome and love for Sha'ar Zahav.

Unquestionably the best part of my experience has been meeting, working with, and having fun with our mem-

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Hebrew University Dedication

At a ceremony held April 19 on Mount Scopus, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem dedicated the Michael William Lipson Chair in Chinese Studies. The first incumbent of the Chair is Professor Yitzhak Shichor, former chair of the Department of East Asian Studies and a notable scholar of modern China.

Michael was a long-time member of Sha'ar Zahav who died of AIDS in March 1990. His parents, Joan and Nathan, philanthropic leaders of the Atlanta Jewish community, chose this way of honoring Michael's memory because of his strong interest in Chinese culture, commerce and language. Michael studied Chinese for three years at USF and also lived in Taiwan, where he began to develop commercial contacts before becoming ill. The dedication was attended by family and friends from across the United States and included Steve Horowitz, a current member of the congregation.

Voter Alert

There is an item on the June 8 ballot that all of us should be aware of. It is the "School Voucher Initiative," and its implications for our communities are far-reaching. Specifically, this measure would provide a voucher of \$2,600 for each school-age child in California to attend any "scholarship-redeeming" school, including private religious institutions. Such schools would not have to meet state curriculum standards. The effect of this proposal is something we should all give careful consideration to. How will this bode for Jews? For gays and lesbians? For other minorities?

Please take the time to study this proposition and its implications for our children. Then help to get out the vote.

—Stanley F. Kern,
Social Action Committee

NFTS President to Speak at CSZ

Judith M. Hertz, president of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, will join us for shabbat services on Friday, June 11. She will speak to the congregation about NFTS, the agency which represents women in Reform Judaism. Please join us.

Volunteer Profile

Pam Erwin

"The mitzvah manager." That's what our volunteer honoree Pam Erwin is called by her partner Susan Unger. Pam has recently been promoted at Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco to Assistant Vice President and Project Manager for Corporate Community Development. That means she gets to give away a lot of money for some really special causes, and she freely admits she's thrilled to be working on "the good side of the banking profession," managing monetary "mitzvahs" for the local community.



Pam Erwin

Pam's resume reads like the "Guinness Book of Career Successes." She grew up in a Denver suburb and attended Texas Women's University in Dallas. Drawn there by their track and field team, she triple-majored in history, government and physical education, graduating with a teaching degree.

After college, she taught history and physical education for five years back in Colorado, then served a couple of years in high school administration as an athletic director. The National Federation that governs high school athletics in the United States lured her away to Chicago, where she served on the U.S. Olympic Committee, writing international team governing rules and policies for high school students and getting to work at the Olympic Center in Colorado Springs. In 1977 she received her master's degree in educational administration from the University of Colorado and was responsible for writing the national rules for high school volleyball teams. (She claims she doesn't play the sport but learned it from books and classes, eventually coaching volleyball for our World Games teams!)

Pam returned to Dallas for 10 years, continuing her well-established career as a teacher and honing her skills in central administration and curriculum

development.

So what brought Pam to the Bay Area? She decided to advance her professional marketability by completing a doctorate in organizational design and behavioral management (group dynamics) at UC Berkeley. Her plan was to transfer her skills from education to the corporate sector, with banking as her target industry and the San Francisco giant, Wells Fargo as her choice of employer. Her careful planning has paid off. Three years ago, Pam began her banking career in personnel and human resources at Wells Fargo, and she continues to thrive in her latest milieu, which includes cultural diversity training for managers and the Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign.

One wonders when Pam ever had time for anything else in her life besides educational pursuits and a rapid, upwardly mobile career track! Rest assured, Pam's non-academic, non-working life never missed a beat. Modestly claiming that she's "no great athlete," Pam has completed 18 marathons and triathalons (swim 2½ miles, bike 112 miles, run 26 miles, *collapse!*), and qualified in 1988 for the Ironman World Championship in Hawaii, placing fifth in the world in the masters category in the Ironman triathlon. She also enjoys a variety of sports-related activities such as basketball, swimming, square dancing, and *yes*, discus throwing, and participated in last month's Bay-to-Breakers and AIDS Bike-A-Thon.

With her whirlwind, jam-packed life, it's a wonder Pam found her way into the CSZ world, where in just two short years she has become a pillar of service and dedicated leadership. It happened like this ...

Almost three years ago, Pam met a woman named Susan Unger at a business luncheon in the financial district. When they ran into each other again a month later, Pam suggested they go biking the next Saturday—but Susan declined because that Saturday was Yom

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Danish Holocaust Exhibit Opens

Resistance and Rescue: Denmark's Response to the Holocaust, an exhibition of 43 black-and-white photographs by Judy Ellis Glickman which record the flight of Denmark's Jews to Sweden, opens at The Jewish Museum San Francisco on May 23. The exhibition, on view through August 15, marks the 50th anniversary of the rescue of Denmark's Jewish population from Nazi persecution. The Danish people, including its monarchy and elected government, constituted the only democratic European nation to protect and save nearly its entire Jewish community from annihilation during the war.

In 1992, Glickman photographed people and places in Denmark, Sweden, and sites throughout Europe associated with the rescue. Like a film documentary, each contemporary photograph becomes a window to the past with accompanying text relating to the history of the location or memories of the person portrayed.

Resistance and Rescue will be supplemented by The Jewish Museum San Francisco with artifacts and oral and written recollections from Bay Area residents—both rescuers and survivors—who were actual participants in this dramatic account.

The museum is located at 121 Steuart St., San Francisco. Museum hours are Sunday-Wednesday, 11-5 and Thursday, 11-7. Admission is free for this exhibition. Call 543-8880 for more information.

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These generous people sponsored onegs in May:

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| 5/7 | Ken Burke , in memory of his son, Lawrence Burke |
| 5/14 | Pat Smith and Leslie Bergson , commemorating the yahrzeit of Nanci Stern |
| 5/21 | Lane Schickler , commemorating the yahrzeit of his lover, Jim Perkins |
| 5/28 | The Va'ad , to welcome Rabbi Kahn home |

Welcome Home, Rabbi Kahn

Memories from the March

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country, buoyed up by the crowd shouting "Shalom!" and clapping to our occasional outbursts of song. Favorite moments came when old friends appeared suddenly out of the crowd for a quick hug and a 30-second catch-up on our lives, before disappearing once again into the endless, cheering throng.

Opening ceremonies began mid-morning, the first marchers took off around noon, and the rally lasted all afternoon. We stayed long enough to

Israel Independence Day

Nosh a falafel. Paint a community mural. Learn to belly dance. Create your own "Chagall" windows. And groove to the ethnic rock and roll of Bruce Burger and Rebbe Soul, the band that gained instant fame in the Bay Area with its modernized version of "Avinu Malkenu."

It's all happening at "Israel Independence Day: The Festival" on Sunday, June 6, noon to 5 pm, at Sharon Meadows in Golden Gate Park. Susan Witkin of KGO-AM and Betsy Rosenberg of KCBS will emcee this afternoon of free fun and festivities in honor of the 45th anniversary of Israeli statehood.

With a variety of activities for kids, delicious (kosher) ethnic food, a Judaica Artists Colony, Israel travel fair and information about services available in our own community, it's always a great community day. This year will be no exception.

Stop by the CSZ booth. Bring your entry to the "Things that are Stuffed" Israeli food competition. Relive your trip to Israel by viewing the winning photos of the "Seeing Is Believing" Israel photo contest. Bring your layered clothing (we can't predict the weather)—and join the fun.

Parking (\$5) is available at UCSF Parking Operation at Arguello and Irving.

"Israel Independence Day: The Festival" is sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council, Jewish Community Federation, the Bureau of Jewish Education and co-sponsored by a consortium of other groups. For information on the day, call 512-6278.

applaud the last contingents, who arrived on the green around 7 pm, chanting, "We're here, we're queer, we're bringing up the rear!"

Our friends videotaped the day for us on C-Span, so we could continue to relive the speeches and comic and musical performances we squinted to see on the distant stage, emblazoned with a giant sign that read, "A Simple Matter of Justice." Like a million other people that day, we were sunburned and exhausted by evening ... but we felt as if we owned the world.

The rest of our week was spent eating with friends and sight-seeing among tourists—Thomas Jefferson's Monticello home, the Smithsonian, the White House, the Lincoln Memorial, the Capitol, the Supreme Court, the Library of Congress, and the incredibly moving Vietnam Memorial. We even stopped by Congressman Ron Dellums' office and toured the personal photographs on his walls (he was away at Cesar Chavez's funeral). As the week progressed, sadly we saw fewer and fewer buttons on people's shirts saying "Together, proud and strong."

But among our varied experiences in Washington, two will leave indelible impressions. The day after it opened to the public, Judy and I spent almost six hours in the Holocaust Museum. Going in, we dreaded the experience but felt a responsibility to be there. In the end, we were grateful for the powerful, moving, sensitively offered gift of education and affirmation the museum provides.

And finally, on Thursday, April 29, we attended the Senate confirmation

hearings for CSZ member Roberta Achtenberg's nomination as the Department of Housing and Urban Development's assistant secretary for fair housing. Watching Roberta proudly and publicly present herself to the United States of America, hearing her speak the words, "I'd like to introduce my family ... first, my beloved partner, Judge Mary Morgan," while also including Rabbi Yoel Kahn who was there in the introduction, was probably the most exciting moment of the entire trip for Judy and me.

On many levels, we'd felt our trip to Washington had been a dream. But the nearly hour-and-a-half-long Senate hearing was reality at its most crystal-clear. It was an historic first in time, a real moment with real people, the culmination of everything we'd come to experience throughout the week before—the right to worship in a synagogue as Jewish gays and lesbians, the freedom to march for civil rights in front of the White House and the gift of being able to learn about the horrors of the Holocaust within the safe harbor of a museum. And now we were privileged to witness the most hopeful event of all. At the time I am writing this, the Senate vote on Roberta's appointment is still pending: we pray that intelligence and fairness prevail and she is confirmed. We couldn't help but feel elated over our experiences throughout the week in Washington, and we look forward to hearing stories from other CSZ members who were there.

—Carolyn Pines



Crowd scene at the rally (Capitol Building in background)

May Va'ad Report

The May 10 Va'ad meeting opened with a *D'var Torah* led by Daniel Chesir. Daniel's message to us tonight was that Judaism should be a religion of doing, and not a religion of dogma. Wisdom is an admirable thing, but wisdom must be accompanied by deeds. A life filled with wisdom, but without action, is not an ideal life.

Our financial discussion touched on the amount of dues pledged as opposed to dues actually received, as well as the incoming flow of Building Assessment receipts. We then entered into a lengthy discussion of pricing policies for High Holiday tickets. As usual, members in good standing in the congregation will receive their tickets free upon request. For guests of members, the ticket price was set at \$54 per guest for each evening service. Accommodations can be made for individuals with special circumstances.

Last month, CSZ member Sylvia Weisenberg contacted the Va'ad about working with Community United

Against Violence (CUAV). Sylvia requested Va'ad support in helping to expand the activities of CUAV's Speakers Bureau. Daniel Chesir and Judy Schwartz will have further discussions with Sylvia, with a view toward coordinating support and possibly expanding a CUAV presentation into a panel presentation.

As a follow-up to last month's discussion concerning the *Yizkor* List, the Ritual Committee is attempting to organize a Preliminary *Yizkor* Service for the High Holidays, and the entire List will be read at that time. In addition, a *Yizkor* booklet will be produced, but it is doubtful that a substantial publication of this nature can be produced in time for this year's service.

On the new-member front, the Va'ad was very happy to be able to vote six new members into the congregation.

Next, President Allan Gold led the Va'ad in an open-ended brainstorming discussion about the *pushke*. Revenues have decreased since we stopped pass-

ing the basket during the course of Friday evening services, and we tried to get a sense of how Va'ad members felt about reinstituting this practice. The reaction was very mixed. Some members were adamantly opposed to it, but others felt it should be reinstated in order to enhance our synagogue's revenues. The president's advisory group will consider the ideas which came up this evening.

As everyone knows, Rabbi Kahn has been on his well-deserved sabbatical, but will be returning to CSZ in a short time. The Va'ad examined how the synagogue functioned during the months the rabbi was absent.

Allan Gold's President's Report reminded everyone to attend the Annual Meeting, and to purchase coupon books, details of which may be obtained by calling the office.

The Va'ad meeting ended at 9 pm with *Oseh Shalom*, leaving the attendees free to enjoy the rest of the pleasant spring evening. No closed session followed.

—Mark Mackler, Recorder

L'hitra'ot Kadimah

May 15 marked the closing session of the 1992-93 year for Kadimah. It was a year marked by new experiences, learning and growing.

In the spring semester, we marked holidays by reaching out to various facets of our community. At Tu B'shevat, we acknowledged our partnership with the Creator in caring for our environment, and set up a recycling project for Sha'ar Zahav, which continues to be implemented. At Purim, Kadimah joined with the families of our pre-schoolers in presenting a play and Purim pageant. At Pesach, we reconnected with our friends at Laguna Honda by sending cards and greetings. We remembered the innocent people killed in the Holocaust, in the Middle East, in Somalia, in Serbia, in racist killing and mindless violence, through stories and discussion with parents and students. We determined to always be informed and aware and to speak out, to help in any way possible. Lag B'Omer brought our annual picnic for families at Douglass Park. We said *l'hitra'ot* (see you again) to the Morgan-Achtenberg family and paid tribute to Mary Morgan for her years of service as member and chairperson of

the Children's Education Committee.

High points of the year were multimedia history lessons for the Dalet-Hey class, led by Mark Freeman, the calligraphy lesson taught by Susan Greenspan, the wonderful song fests led by Aviva, story-telling and drama led by Rivka, Circletime midrashim and discussions led by Peninah. The Dalet-Hey class attended monthly shabbat services with the congregation. This was an opportunity for students to use their learning, and for congregants to appreciate the knowledge and potential of these future members of the community.

Our final session concluded with the creation of a scroll depicting the favorite and most meaningful activities of the year, as depicted by the students. This was our community "Torah," the record of our learning passed from parents to teachers to students in a never-ending chain of study and search for meaning.

We express our deepest gratitude to our tutors, who labor weekly with our students to create bonds of fellowship along with the learning of Hebrew. To Ron Lezell, for spending each shabbat with Kadimah to strengthen our faculty and additional time as a reinforcing tutor, to Daniel Chesir, Shelley Eisenberg, Martha Lubitz, Ora Prochovnick, Martha Rosett and Kate Sharp, we say "Kol Hakavod" and "Todah Rabbah." We thank you and appreciate you deeply.

We invite everyone interested in the education of our children to an open meeting of the Children's Education Committee on Thursday, June 3 at the home of Steve and Trudy Hauptman, 80 Pinehurst, San Francisco, at 7:30 pm.

Information on registration and a schedule for the fall will be sent in the mail. We wish you all a refreshing and rejuvenating summer.

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bers. It has been very important to me to make sure that everyone feels welcome here; our increase in membership seems to provide evidence that they do. I have been absolutely blessed with two wonderful Va'ads. I am quite in awe of their intelligence and wisdom in decision making, but even more in their lack of personal agendas, willingness to listen and compromise, and in their ever-present respect for each other. Va'ad members who have sat on other boards tell me over and over again how much different and better our process is than that of other organizations. I cannot thank them enough for their patience, hard work, and dedication (and I do apologize for those several *really* long meetings). Committee chairs, members, and volunteers at our social and holiday activities have all made my job so much easier. It has given me such pleasure when I have seen so many people participating in our activities; I have felt something like a camp counselor wanting everyone to take part and have a good time.

I will be writing thank-you messages to everyone who has volunteered this year and will have a formal thank-you article in the next *Forward*, but I want to acknowledge a number of very special people without whose help and guidance I really could not have gotten through these two years. My three vice presidents, Tiela Chalmers, Claudia Bernard and Lisa Katz, my two treasurers, Brett Trueman and Gary Sokol, and past presidents Merry Luskin and Paul Cohen who served on my advisory group have been invaluable to me. Mark Pressler, our administrator, has been a great help in so many ways—taking care of correspondence, fielding phone calls, giving advice and feedback. My time collaborating with Rabbi Kahn has been precious; his insight, good counsel, and creative ideas have helped me in planning, problem solving, and running the synagogue organization more effectively. Finally, I must thank my lover, Gary, for his support, encouragement, and advice during my term of office. It is not easy being the lover of the president; many evenings are spent at meetings or on the phone. Conversations around the house often center on synagogue activities. Never once did Gary make me

feel guilty for taking on this responsibility; he knew that it was so important to me and respected my need to do it. Now it is time for me to shift my focus back to home and relationship.

It seems fitting to me that the March on Washington came towards the end of my term of office. My experience of absolute comfort and of not being a minority in Washington that weekend surrounded by gay, lesbian and bisexual people paralleled my sense of comfort and belonging that I always and only experience at Sha'ar Zahav. When I stood up at the bimah at the shabbat service at Bet Mishpachah to light candles as our representative, I felt so proud and so strong. It felt like a great reward to me to be able to stand up as a gay Jew, representing, as president, the most dynamic, ground-breaking synagogue in the United States, known far and wide for its impact on Reform Judaism. This was a powerful and moving reminder to me that what we have here at Sha'ar Zahav is to be cherished and not taken for granted. It has really been an immeasurably gratifying experience for me to lead Sha'ar Zahav these past two years. I still believe that I have gained much more than I have given. While not everyone has the time or desire to serve in this way, every member can invest a part of themselves to keep Sha'ar Zahav vital and strong. Accept the challenge and the opportunity; you will be rewarded many times over.

And now it is time to say "good-bye" as president. Thank you all for your support, your wonderfully kind comments, your hard work and enthusiasm. You have given me a gift I will value for the rest of my life. Though my formal leadership status comes to an end, I will, of course, continue my dedication to Sha'ar Zahav and find new ways of serving. In Tiela Chalmers you have elected probably the best-prepared president in our history. She is a warm, good-humored, well-organized, highly committed and eminently qualified person to lead the congregation. I know that we will continue to thrive and grow under her leadership and that of her two vice presidents, David Stein and Susan Unger. I certainly will be supporting them in whatever way I can. Who knows? Maybe in some future year, I might run for president again. It would be an adventure I would most assuredly welcome. Shalom.

Gifts to Women in Bosnia and Serbia

A Bay Area comedienne, Fran Peavey, will be traveling to the former Yugoslavia late this summer and visiting the women's centers that offer moral and economic support to Bosnian and Serbian women. She plans to bring presents—not basic survival needs, which are arriving from organizations like the Red Cross, but "women's things," small items to let women know that others wish them not just survival, but joy. Even though they don't have enough food, Fran's contacts in the women's center brightened up when she proposed her idea. The Social Action Committee will be collecting gifts to pack up and send with her from Congregation Sha'ar Zahav.

Please bring gifts to the synagogue office during office hours, or leave them under the coat rack at services, by June 30. Fran suggests, as examples, "a nice scarf, an embroidered pillow slip or handkerchief, shampoo, soap, hand lotion, lipstick, makeup, etc." (If you have children's clothes or other clothing to donate, please leave them, too, and we will give them to Hospitality House here in San Francisco.)

Fran has promised a report on the delivery trip, which will be summarized in a future issue of the *Gaily Forward*.

—Nina Wouk, Social Action Committee

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Julian Appel

Sharma Gaponoff

Joseph Hample

Richard Jacobson

Nancy Kates

Bobbi McGhee

We are grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

High Holidays

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financial circumstances should contact the synagogue office. No one will be refused a ticket due to inability to contribute. The sanctuary has room for one guest per member, but we'll do our best to accommodate requests for more than one guest ticket once all members have had the chance to submit their requests.

As in the past, the chapel and the Starr King Room will carry the main service over loudspeakers, with volunteers officiating. Tickets will not be required for evening services in these

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Anniversaries

- 2 Lillian Schaechner & Elaine Weissman
- 9 Cheryl Mann & Bree Meyer
- 10 Frank Yellin & Mack Shwalter
- 12 Irene Ogus & Rosalinda Del Moral
- 13 Dan Bellm & Yoel Kahn
- 16 Cheryl Bryan & partner
- 18 Rachel Wahba & Judy Dlugacz
- 19 Lisa Brand & Betsy Levine
- 19 Lisa Ginsburg & Michal Goralsky
- 21 Shelley Samuels & Robin Dubner
- 21 Debbi Jacobs-Levine & Joel Levine
- 21 Lolma Olson & Beth Reed
- 24 Judy Macks & Lani Simpson
- 24 Lyssa Friedman & Daphne Stuart
- 25 Shelley Adler & Susan Weinstein
- 29 Tova Green & Fran Peavey
- 30 Kate Sharp & Alita Rosenfeld
- 30 Susan Gelmis & Ilene Dick

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overflow rooms. In addition, daytime services are open to all and no tickets will be necessary. Child care will be available at reasonable cost, and reservations will be required. Details will follow in next month's *Forward*.

Yom Kippur Afternoon

The Unitarian Center has unfortunately scheduled a wedding in the main sanctuary on Yom Kippur afternoon. Because of this conflict, we must be out of the sanctuary from 3 to 5 pm.

We are also forced to modify our schedule slightly to accommodate the wedding. The afternoon service (*Mincha*) will take place in a different location at the Unitarian Center. Stay tuned to future *Forward* articles for other schedule changes.

We are working with the Unitarian Center to ensure that this conflict will not occur again in the future.

Want to Participate?

In our synagogue's tradition of lay leadership, we invite members of the congregation to participate in High Holiday services—through reading in English or Hebrew, chanting Torah or perhaps blowing the shofar.

If you are interested in taking part in High Holiday services by sharing your ritual skills with the congregation, please complete the High Holiday Participation Form in this issue of the *Forward* and send it to the office by July 16.

How to Help

There are so many joyful ways to get involved throughout the High Holidays. Ritual participation is certainly one, but volunteers are also critical for ushering, oneg preparation, child care assistance, sign production, and telephone networking. Please let us know how you would like to share your energy and time. Contact either Carolyn Pines (510/532-9661) or Larry Wexler (510/523-6775).

Contributions

Sha'ar Zahav welcomes all contributions of all sizes to mark any event and to add to any of our funds. Contributions will be acknowledged in the *Forward* unless otherwise requested.

Donations were made to Sha'ar Zahav's funds in the past months by the following contributors:

General Fund

We encourage donations to the General Fund in particular, because such donations can be used for any synagogue purpose.

Lyssa Friedman and Daphne Stuart, in memory of Ruth Macks

David Weinstein, to celebrate the life of Christopher Chlanda

Susan Morton, in memory of her father

Ami Zusman, in memory of Neill Rosen

Betty Kalis, in honor of Marion Trentman's birthday

Betty Kalis, in honor of the birthdays of David Weinstein and Carolyn Pines

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Neil Hart, in memory of Jackson Bird.

Bikkur Cholim Fund

Samuel Kaplan, in memory of Robert Katz, father of Leslie Katz.

Leslie Bergson, in memory of Nanci Stem.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Junior League of Oakland East Bay, Inc., in honor of Lolma Olson for her participation with the Membership Diversity Team and the Junior League of Oakland-East Bay Inc.

Richard Goldwasser, in memory of his father, Samuel Goldwasser.

Judy Rosenberg and Greg Andreas, in honor of the birth and naming of their daughter, Claire Justine Andreas

Children's Education Fund

Betty Kalis, in honor of Phyllis and George Mintzer's 50th wedding anniversary

Ami Zusman, in honor of the birth of Anna Reesa, daughter of Diann Kramer and Sally Echert

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Kippur. They planned a date instead for Sunday.

In the meantime, Pam unknowingly took her first step towards volunteerism at CSZ—she “volunteered” to accompany some friends to the Kol Nidre service that Friday night at the Unitarian Center. Seated in the chapel before the service began, she looked up to see Rabbi Kahn, Jonathan Funk, and much to her surprise, Susan Unger, making the rounds as service leaders, introducing themselves to those in the overflow rooms. Pam had no prior

knowledge that Susan belonged to the synagogue, and incredulously turned to her friends and said, “I have a bicycling date with that girl on Sunday!” Though she couldn’t see Susan on the bimah, she was enchanted by her beautiful singing voice, and to this day, Pam and Susan fondly refer to the “Kol Nidre” as “our song.”

Pam, who was raised a Methodist but had forsaken organized religion a long time ago, soon joined CSZ in support of Susan’s participation as a Va’ad member, but quickly grew to independently involve herself in synagogue activities. Paul Cohen invited her to serve on the

Leadership Development Committee, where she helps put together the Va’ad and officer slate of nominees, as well as delivers and facilitates training and leadership presentations for CSZ meetings, including the annual Advance.

Pam, along with Jeff Forman, flawlessly co-chaired head ushering for last year’s High Holidays. She served on the Children’s Task Force Committee that designed and distributed a survey the synagogue is using to develop educational programs for children of CSZ members. Last year, Pam and Susan took Phyllis Mintzer’s “Introduction to Juda-

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Birthdays

- 1 Donald Abrams
- 1 Cheryl Mann
- 2 Lisa Feldstein
- 2 Nina Wouk
- 3 Shoshana Levine
- 3 David Hyman
- 4 Ora Prochovnick
- 5 Katye Gulley
- 6 Marsha Blachman
- 7 Amy Weston
- 9 Malia Lewis
- 9 Allyce Kimerling
- 10 Rose Katz
- 10 Daniel Chesir
- 10 Claudia Bernard
- 11 Annie Winters
- 11 Timothy Rubin
- 13 Sunny Schwartz
- 13 Michael Goralsky
- 15 Barry Klezmer
- 15 Steven Wiesner
- 15 Alisa Klinger
- 17 Adam Bellm-Kahn
- 18 Jason Gaber
- 18 Margaret Livingston
- 20 Janis Portal
- 20 Leslie Caplan
- 21 Richard Sinkoff
- 22 Margaret Rossoff
- 24 Howard Goldberg
- 24 M. Paul Schwartz
- 26 Jonathan Mesinger
- 28 Lisa Katz
- 28 Randy Mayer
- 29 Eve Meyer
- 30 Benjamin Blachman-Forshay

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Condolences

To **Barney Ugarte** on the death of his friend, Michael Muterspaug

To **Michele Sullivan** on the death of her mother, Marion Lemeteyer

To **Ellen Blumfield** on the death of her mother, Ruth Blumfield

To **Leslie Katz** on the death of her father, Robert Katz

Washington Memories

Tell us about your experiences at the March on Washington.

Send your articles and photos to the CSZ office by June 14 so we can include them in the next issue of the Forward.

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ism" class, which turned out to be a fabulous experience and a bonding one for them both.

Pam appreciates how open and welcoming CSZ is to non-Jewish members and is thoroughly impressed with the vitality of its volunteer force, which accomplishes so much on behalf of the synagogue. She is as passionate about hard work and service as she is respon-

sible, and hopes to use her professional skills and talents to encourage leadership development at CSZ. Her volunteer efforts on behalf of the synagogue have been generous, considering the exhaustive schedule she keeps, but when asked how she finds the time to be a CSZ volunteer, she simply states, "I make time for what's important." And this makes Pam vitally important to Sha'ar Zahav.

—Carolyn Pines

Synagogue Information

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President, Allan Gold (929-9524)
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Members wishing to contact any Va'ad member or committee chair are invited to obtain his or her number from the synagogue office.

Office Hours: Monday–Friday from 9 am to 12:30 pm and 2 pm to 4:30 pm. Please call the synagogue office at 861-6932.

Emergency Number: In an emergency, the congregation can be contacted outside of office hours by calling 861-6938.

Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the second Saturday of each month at 10:30 am—check calendar for each month.

Gift Shop Hours: Fridays, 7:30–8:05 pm.

Library Hours: Open during office hours, and 30 minutes before and after Friday night services.

Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Mike Rankin, Robin Leonard, Allyce Kimerling, Liaisons) and of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations (Marc Mencher, Liaison).

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Naches

To **Frank Yellin**, on his new job at Oracle Corporation in Redwood Shores.

To the following on their upcoming June kiddushin: **Mark and Todd Taubman-Walker** (June 25), **Ida Kuluk and Susan Spott** (June 19), **Michelle Auerbach and David Brode** (June 27).

To **Ron Wilmot**, for raising more than \$20,500 in pledges (top fund-raiser for the past two years!) for the ninth annual AIDS Bike-A-Thon.

To **Allan Berenstein**, on being named an outstanding volunteer by the Points of Light Foundation.

To **Tiela Chalmers & Nancy Koch**, on the birth of their daughter Kailin Hillary Chalmers-Koch on May 12.

We'd like to share your joyous moments with everyone. Please write, fax or phone in your naches or those of other members of the congregation so we can include them here.

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1 Tuesday 12 Sivan	10 Thursday 21 Sivan	17 Thursday 28 Sivan • 7 pm, Bikkur Cholim	24 Thursday 5 Tammuz • 6:30 pm, Ritual Committee • 6:30 pm, Newsletter distribution
2 Wednesday 13 Sivan	11 Friday 22 Sivan • 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service, Rabbi Kahn and Linda Hirschhorn	18 Friday 29 Sivan • 8:15pm, Shabbat Service, Lyssa Friedman • East Bay Service	25 Friday 6 Tammuz Shabbat Freedom • 8:15pm, Shabbat Service, Rabbi Kahn & Steve Weitz
3 Thursday 14 Sivan • 7 pm, Children's Education	12 Saturday 23 Sivan • 10:30 am, Shabbat Service, Rabbi Kahn and Andy Ingall • Auf Ruf for Michelle Auerbach and David Brode	19 Saturday 30 Sivan	26 Saturday 7 Tammuz
4 Friday 15 Sivan • 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service, Jonathan Comisar	13 Sunday 24 Sivan	20 Sunday 1 Sivan • 1 pm, Gay Pride Parade meeting	27 Sunday 8 Tammuz • Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade • 4 pm, Kaiser Brunch
5 Saturday 16 Sivan	14 Monday 25 Sivan • 6:30 pm, Va'ad meeting	21 Monday 2 Tammuz • 6 pm, Healing Service • 7 pm, Newsletter proofreading and layout	28 Monday 9 Tammuz
6 Sunday 17 Sivan Israel Independence Day: The Festival	15 Tuesday 26 Sivan	22 Tuesday 3 Tammuz	29 Tuesday 10 Tammuz
7 Monday 18 Sivan • 6 pm, Healing Service	16 Wednesday 27 Sivan • 7 pm, Newsletter editing	23 Wednesday 4 Tammuz	30 Wednesday 11 Tammuz
8 Tuesday 19 Sivan			
9 Wednesday 20 Sivan			

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REMINDER: Our next Forward is a double issue. Don't forget to schedule all your summer events before the June 14 deadline.

DEADLINE

The deadline for all submissions to the July / August *Gaily Forward* is

Monday, June 14

No late submissions will be published without a deadline extension arranged in advance with the newsletter chair. Any CSZ member is welcome to submit articles of interest to our readership. Please type and double-space your articles. You may mail or fax (861-6081) your material to CSZ, Attn: *Gaily Forward*.

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